STATE OF KANSAS



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Informational Hearing on Autism

The Autism legislation, that passed the House last year on a strong vote, is intended to provide

relief to a group of our population affected by a disease or impairment called Autism.

The bill does require an insurance mandate. The ultimate cost would be about 31 cents per

member. But the proper treatment of this population would result in about 50-58% being able to

start school without Special Education, and ultimately function as a tax paying citizen. The

remainder of the population would benefit from treatment, but not to the extent of making them

independent.

For the first population there is a dramatic turn around in the 3.2 million cost of lifetime care.

If you consider this from a moral and a fiscal standpoint, this is of great benefit to the State of

Kansas.

Rep. Arlen Sighel